

MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABILITY SERVICES COMMISSION

October 17, 2019 - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm
Polk County River Place – Room 2
2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa
MEETING MINUTES

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Bouska
Thomas Broeker
Dennis Bush (phone)
Teresa Daubitz
Jody Eaton
Kathryn Johnson

Geoffrey Lauer
John Parmeter
Maria Sorensen
Cory Turner
Richard Whitaker (phone)
Lorrie Young (phone)

MHDS COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shari O'Bannon
Russell Wood
Senator Jeff Edler

Senator Pam Jochum
Representative Joel Fry
Representative Scott Ourth

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Theresa Armstrong	MHDS, Bureau Chief Community Services & Planning
Darci Alt	Heart of Iowa Region
Kris Bell	Legislative Services Agency
Emily Berry	Office of Consumer Affairs
Jess Benson	Legislative Services Agency
Kim Callahe	Plains Area Mental Health Center
DeAnn Decker	Iowa Department of Public Health
John Hedgecoth	Amerigroup
Linda Kellen	Department of Inspection and Appeals
Todd Lange	Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
Julie Maas	MHDS, Community Services & Planning
Leann Moskowitz	IME/Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
Nathan Nash	Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
Verletta Saxon	Quad City Behavioral Health Coalition
Adrienne Seusy	Legislative Services Agency
Rik Shannon	DD Council
Flora Schmidt	Iowa Behavioral Health Association
Kelsey Thien	House Democrat Staff
Heather Thomas	Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council

Welcome and Call to Order

John Parmeter called the meeting to order at 9:37 am and led introductions. Quorum was established with nine members present and three participating by phone. No conflicts of interest were identified.

Approval of Minutes

Thomas Broeker made a motion to approve the September 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Tom Bouska seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Licensed Master Social Worker Law and Administrative Rules

John Parmeter said that Gretchen Kraemer with the Attorney General's Office was consulted about who is responsible for the Medicaid administrative rules and Gretchen said that those rules fall under the purview of the DHS Council.

There was discussion on how the Medicaid rules impact workforce and finding individuals who meet the requirements negatively impacts agencies. There was discussion about the number of people who fall into the LMSW category impacted and how that will grow smaller after the individuals who were grandfathered in leave the workforce. There was discussion on having incentives for practitioners to work within the public system. There was discussion on how public health and the licensing board has been involved in the conversations related to the administrative rules. There was discussion on if a letter to public health or a recommendation to the DHS Council would be beneficial.

Lorrie Young made a motion to make a recommendation to the DHS Council to align current statutes with current practices in the field. Geoff Lauer seconded the motion.

There was discussion on who would be responsible for providing supervision to practitioners with their LMSW. There was discussion on the different course work in school for individuals who go into macro social work and those who do clinical social work. There was discussion on how licensure rules fall under IPDH and DHS is responsible for rules on LMSWs being able to bill Medicaid.

John Parmeter called for a vote for the motion on the table. The motion passed with ten members voting in favor of the motion and one member voting against the motion.

Discussion on Annual Report

John Parmeter led the discussion on the annual report. The Commission reviewed the draft report and requested that the following changes be made: brain injury be added to the list of services being delivered under number 1, introduce language about certified community behavioral health clinics, add language about family first legislation, and add Janae Harvey's presentation on family first to the list of informational presentations.

Overview of Iowa's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) – Derrick Willis

Derrick Willis introduced himself and thanked the Commission for having him present on Iowa's UCEDD. Derrick explained that the UCEDD is housed in the Center for Disabilities and Development at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics and that every state and territory has one totally 67 UCEDDs. Derrick reviewed the purpose of the UCEDD is to provide leadership and advise on federal, state and community issues related to disability services. Derrick reviewed the four core functions of the UCEDD which include pre-service training and continuing education, community service, policy analysis, research and evaluation, and information dissemination. The UCEDD is considered to be sister agencies with disability rights and the DD Council and work closely with them.

Derrick reviewed the programs at the UCEDD including the leadership education in neurodevelopmental and related disabilities project (LEND), money follows the person (MFP), health provider training initiative, and employment programs. Derrick said the UCEDD also has several other projects they are working on including building a learning module effort for agencies to use in training their direct support staff.

There was discussion on the learning module and what the platform could be used for including being a conduit for information. There was discussion on how the UCEDD interacts with Iowa's federal delegation and how they maintain a positive relationship so their staff call the UCEDD for input on potential legislation.

Presentation on CSN Data System – Darci Alt and Jeanine Scott

Jeanine Scott introduced herself and thanked the Commission for inviting them to present on the community services network data system that is used by 98 counties and 13 regions to input their information. Jeanine went through the system and explained how the information is stored and can be accessed. Jeanine reviewed their security system and said it is close to HIPPA complaint. Jeanine reviewed how the data can be pulled and used to provide information on that can help move the system forward. Jeanine said that they are working on getting more parties to use the system for their data to provide a more complete picture of what is going on in Iowa and how the information they have could be beneficial for the Commission in doing their review of the system.

Public Comment

Brook Whitney discussed that funding for healthcare in general has gone down and that could correlate with issues funding mental health services.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:47 and reconvened with the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council at 1:08pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Maas.